

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DOUG WAGNER**, on March 4, 1999 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Doug Wagner, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck (D)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)  
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)  
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)  
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)  
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mikell Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s): HB 629  
SB 59  
HB 647  
Executive Action: NONE

**HEARING ON HB 629**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Mood

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

Fred Lurie, Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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**EXHIBIT(fih49a01)**

Paul Roos, Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 118 - 152}***

Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 154 - 173}***

John Kober, Montana Wildlife Federation

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 174 - 189}***

**EXHIBIT(fih49a02)**

Bruce Farling, Montana Trout Unlimited

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 190 - 199}***

Pat Graham, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 202 - 231}***

**EXHIBIT(fih49a03)**

Loren Flynn, Self

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 233 - 245}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** NONE

**Informational Testimony:** NONE

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Mood

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**HEARING ON HB 647**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Bob Raney

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 503 - 781; Comments : continued on tape 1 side B}***

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a04)

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a05)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Rep. Trexler, House District 59

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 785 - 826}***

George Ochenski, Self

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 830 - 902}***

Lorna Karn, Montana Farm Bureau

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 904 - 958}***

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a06)

John Mundinger, Montana Stockgrowers Association

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 961 - 998}***

Neil Colwell, Avista Cooperation

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 60}***

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Bruce Farling, Montana Trout Unlimited

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**EXHIBIT**(fih49a07)

Pat Graham, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 175 - 325}***

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a08)

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a09)

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a10)

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a11)

Jerry Wells, Montana Chapter of American Fishery Society

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 328 - 379}***

**Informational Testimony:**

Marv Dye, Director of Montana Transportation

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 384 - 391}***

John Hines, Northwest Power Plenty Council

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 394 - 414}***

Rep. Roger Somerville, Self

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 417 - 442}*

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 446 - 585; Comments : continued on tape 2 side B}*

**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Bob Raney

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 586 - 677}*

**HEARING ON SB 59**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. Wells

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 693 - 879}*

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Dave Mott, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 884 - 920; Comments : continued on tape 3 side A}*

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a12)

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a13)

Stan Rauch, Montana Bowhunters Association

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 23 - 76}*

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a14)

**EXHIBIT**(fih49a15)

Dustin Doane, Montana Wildlife Federation

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 77 - 87}*

Greg DiIorio, Madison Valley Sportsman

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 88 - 110}*

Jim Weatherly, Montana Chapter of North American Sheep

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 111 - 121}*

Chuck Buus, 2001 Committee

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 123 - 147}*

Larry Deschumarker, Montana Stockgrowers Association

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 150 - 160}*

John Mundinger, Montana Stockgrowers Association

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 161 - 167}*

Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 169 - 174}*

**Opponents' Testimony:** NONE

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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continued on tape 3 side B}*

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Wells

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 579 - 615}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:45 P.M.

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REP. DOUG WAGNER, Chairman

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MIKELL JOHNSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (fih49aad)